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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Correspondence relating to this application is enclosed. The required fees are computed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Total Claims

92

Independent

9

63

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\$261 \$40

First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims

\$0

TOTAL FEE DUE

\$301

A check for \$301 is attached.

Enclosures:

- Response to Restriction Requirement and Preliminary Amendment; 1.
- Appendix A (Pending claims after entry preliminary amendment); 2.
- Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, including PTO Form-1449 3. and copies of 16 References;
- Check in the sum of \$301; and 4.
- 5. Postcard.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein.

Filed herewith is a check in payment of the excess claims fees required by the instant amendment. If necessary, please apply other charges, and apply all credits, to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- Appendix A: pending claims after entry instant amendment
- Supplementary Information Disclosure Statement, FORM PTO 1449, and references cited therein
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AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

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